

Alexander and Killifer, Phillies' Star Battery, May Not Play Next Season

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WAIT ON CUBS' SALE

National Commission Looking for Deal to Be Completed.

PROBABLY CLOSED TODAY

Magnates Will Then Adjust All Details of Recent Peace Settlement, It Is Said.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, January 5.—The probable sale of the Chicago Cubs by Charles F. Taft, owner of the majority of the stock of that club, to Charles Weeghman, former president of the Chicago Federals, and the meeting of the joint committee appointed to settle the dispute between the Federal and International Leagues relative to the peace agreement signed two weeks ago held the attention of the base ball men here today.

The National base ball commission was also scheduled to meet, but it was officially announced that nothing of importance would be taken up by that body.

Expect to Complete Deal Today.

That the deal for the sale of the Chicago Cubs would be completed today appeared almost certain. Harry F. Sinn, the Oklahoma oil magnate, who conferred with Mr. Taft yesterday, said the negotiations had progressed to such a stage where it required only the presence of Weeghman came on to an agreement. Weeghman came on to Cincinnati from Chicago this morning, ready to close the deal.

The Federal-International joint committee was expected not only to settle that dispute, but also smooth out other tangled matters which appeared after the peace agreement had been signed.

National League May Meet.

In case the sale of the Chicago Cubs is completed today and the joint committee on the Federal and International leagues makes reasonable headway, a league meeting of the National League will be called for this city later in the week, according to President Tener of the league. However, if the deal for the Cubs hangs fire longer than the meeting of the joint committee, no National League meeting will be called.

Word was received here last night that President James A. Gilmore of the Federal League, who is expected to attend the meeting here, had made arrangements to be present, and, following the announcement of this information, Chairman August Herrmann of the national commission stated he expected a full attendance of the committee.

HOT SPRINGS TO HAVE RACING.

Meeting of Twenty-One Days Being Arranged in Arkansas City.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., January 5.—President Gus Straus of the Business Men's League announced last night that arrangements had been made with Louis Cella, owner of the Oakland race track, to hold a twenty-one days' race meet here, immediately following the big meeting now in New Orleans.

It is planned to conduct the meet under the auspices of the Business Men's League, and the horses that are running now in New Orleans will be brought direct to this city. From present indications the racing in Hot Springs will open St. Patrick's day.

The decision the league came to in regard to racing here has brought about an almost unanimous demand on the part of the citizenship, which for the last three years has desired a meeting of this nature. The announcement that plans are now under way to gratify the desire has received wide approval.

ANOTHER FOR MACKS.

Hard-Hitting Southpaw Pitcher From the West Is Signed.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., January 5.—Lester A. Lanning of Harvard, Ill., captain of the Wesleyan University baseball team, has signed a contract with the Athletics of the American League, it was learned here yesterday.

He is a left-handed pitcher and batted over 100 last season. Lanning is a senior, but would be ineligible for the college nine this spring on account of a scholarship trouble.

MUTT AND JEFF—Oh, Yes, Peace Paintings Are Quite the Thing Nowadays.

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PHILLIES IN DANGER OF LOSING BATTERY

Alexander and Killifer Said to Be in Such Condition They May Not Play This Year.

LOSS OF STAR PLAYERS WILL HANDICAP TEAM

Federals Being Boosted in Campaign of Publicity—Few Know Where They Stand.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Reports are current that both ends of the Phillies' star battery—Alexander and Killifer—are in bad physical condition and neither may be able to play this season.

Alexander, who hurt his arm nearly a month before the end of the 1915 season, has had considerable trouble with it ever since and seems unable to make it swing properly when working out at his home. Killifer's shoulder went to the bad some time before the close of the campaign and he could not take part in the world series except as a pinch hitter in the last game, and the shoulder has not shown any improvement since. Without this battery the Phillies would have finished in the rock last year, and if the two of them are unable to toe the scratch in the spring the team's chances of repeating will be greatly lessened.

Effort to Aid Federals.

It begins to look very much as if a concerted campaign is being conducted to aid the Federal League club owners in getting rid of their players. It is really remarkable the amount of publicity some of the Fed players are getting, and it is hard to believe that all of it is spontaneous. Perhaps there is some inspiration behind it. Men like Konechky, Oakes, Mowrey, Knabe and others are being boosted to the skies.

"Who wants Konechky?" asked a big league man when his attention was called to the Federal League's "Konechky." "Why, he didn't make good in the last three years in the National League! Anybody assuming his seven-thousand-five-hundred-dollar contract is not right in the head."

Rebel Oakes at Sea.

Rebel Oakes, who managed the Pittsburgh Federals last season, does not know just where he stands. He dropped into Pittsburgh the other day and had a long conference with former Owner Gwiner.

"I am out of base ball" was all that Gwiner would say after the meeting.

"What are you going to do with players under contract?" Gwiner was asked, and he replied: "Well, I might put them to work on a farm somewhere to keep them in condition. I have a farm down the river and that might be a good place to put them. Then again McCullough might use them for his churn."

Unable to Get Information.

Oakes said that he had no idea where he or any of the other players were going, as he had been unable to get any sort of information from Gwiner. Oakes admits that the peace move took him off his feet, as he was going along and preparing for this season.

"I had lines out for new players, and had already reached terms with some of them when the peace broke. Was I surprised? Well, if some person had handed me a million dollars in cold hard cash right then and there I would have been surprised a bit more."

SHEVLIN LEFT FORTUNE.

Will Filed for Probate Estimates \$3,500,000 as His Estate.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., January 5.—The will of the late Thomas L. Shevlin, former Yale foot ball star, who died here last week, after a brief illness, was filed for probate yesterday. The entire estate, the estimated value of which is \$3,500,000, is left to the widow and two children.

The executors, business associates of the late lumberman, also are named as trustees of the estate, a large part of which is placed in trust until the two children reach the age of thirty years. The money then will be equally divided between them. Mrs. Shevlin will receive an annual income of \$50,000, in addition to money from certain holdings.

Although Mr. Shevlin's life was heavily insured, only \$25,000 is payable to the widow, \$100,000 being payable to two companies of which he was head.

Manager Miller Huggins of the St. Louis Cardinals looks strong contender for Jimmy Callahan as manager of the Pirates. Barney Dreyfuss picked the best man he could have selected, according to Huggins.

PALACE SURPRISES, DEFEATING ROYALS

Runners-Up in National Capital League Have Sweep Made Against Them.

Palace sprang quite a surprise in the National Bowling Capital League last night by taking three straight games from the Royals. The first two contests were won by very small margins, the score of the opening conflict being 521 to 519 and the second 499 to 488. The Royals were close to first place, and they had their full strength on the floor, with the hope of capturing enough games to put them on top. The sweep made against them proves quite a setback and gives the Velvet Kind a much better lead.

Keeler, Wood and Mueller were the best bowlers for the Palace five. The only game made by these three players which fell below the one-hundred mark was the second by Mueller, and he registered as close as possible to that figure without actually getting it—89. Mueller's other two scores were 101 and 120. Wood's counts were 111, 106 and 108. Keeler knocked down 114, 107 and 107. Pop Halley was the most consistent member of the Royal quint, knocking down 105, 109 and 104 pins.

Martinsburg Coming Here.

It will be interesting to the followers of the duckpin game that a ten-game match has been arranged with the Palace team of Martinsburg, W. Va., captained by Don H. Parsons, and an all-star aggregation in charge of George L. Isemann of this city. The first block of five games will be rolled Friday night, the remaining games of the match to be rolled at a date set later in the West Virginia city. Total pins will count.

Isemann is greatly interested in the coming A. C. B. A. tournament, and is leaving nothing undone to arouse interest in those who are not in the fold to "come across." In their match with the Martinsburgers it will be well for the locals to take advantage of every opening, because reports are that the "dry state" tribe has been rolling some very high sets in its recent victories over Hagerstown, Hancock and Frederick. Last year the Giants, under Isemann, rolled one of the highest games, 623, and the largest five-game set ever recorded with wooden pins, 2,353, in the District, their lead of over 400 pins coming in very handy at the termination of the set, because their opponents gathered over 200 pins shooting at the rubber-band maples.

Manager Caritz of the Grand Central alleys has again extended the use of his runways. In their recent match with Hagerstown, Hancock and Isemann had the highest averages for the ten games rolled, 115-9 and 115-5, respectively. Michael and Baum tied for high game, 152. Following is the lineup of both teams:

Martinsburg: Miller, Edmonds, Caskey, Anderson, Dunn, Parsons (captain).

Washington-Halley, Isemann (captain), Wood, Rider, Stanford, Krauss.

The results of the matches in the leagues last night follow:

POST OFFICE DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Bankers.		Inspection.	
Prugh...	90	90	90
Johns...	89	87	87
Wicks...	88	82	82
Lesen...	87	80	80
Maguire...	86	80	80
Totals...	439	453	453

WASHINGTON TENPIN LEAGUE.			
Commissioners.		Acme.	
Hutches...	173	137	137
McNulty...	173	137	137
Bay...	167	137	137
Akers...	161	137	137
Swager...	154	137	137
Handing...	144	137	137
Totals...	821	789	789

COMMERCIAL DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Woodward & Latham.		Royals.	
Ransbury...	84	84	84
Newman...	84	84	84
Ashford...	84	84	84
Furehlin...	84	84	84
Johnson...	84	84	84
Totals...	404	459	459

NATIONAL CAPITAL DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Palace.		Royals.	
Ott...	96	92	92
Watson...	96	92	92
Moore...	96	92	92
McLaren...	96	92	92
Sligh...	96	92	92
Totals...	521	499	499

Y. M. C. A. DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Thompson.		Lukas.	
Miller...	88	88	88
Summers...	88	88	88
Totals...	248	299	299

SOUTHEAST DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
G. H. I.		Model League.	
Sumate...	87	87	87
Immy...	85	85	85
Brill...	85	85	85
Woo...	82	84	84
Totals...	432	438	438

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EVENING STAR DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Aggie.		Brother.	
Kenell...	91	87	87
Miller...	80	87	87
Stuart...	80	87	87
Roberts...	80	87	87
Burns...	80	87	87
Totals...	439	470	470

GEORGETOWN COMMERCIAL DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Wash. A. R. C.		Adolphus, Beer & S.	
J. H. B...	80	79	79
Daly...	80	79	79
S. Smith...	80	79	79
Stinch...	80	79	79
Ryan...	80	79	79
Totals...	422	443	443

MASONIC DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Columbia.		King Solomon.	
Oliver...	95	85	85
Rider...	95	85	85
Hetdel...	95	85	85
Sonnen...	95	85	85
Clawell...	95	85	85
Totals...	466	491	491

NORTHSTAR DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Navy Yard.		McCarthy.	
Fridell...	92	85	85
Wink...	92	85	85
McDon...	92	85	85
Smith...	92	85	85
Hayes...	92	85	85
Totals...	435	458	458

CAPITAL CITY DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Ivy Soap.		Charles Hotel.	
McFar...	87	81	81
Wink...	87	81	81
Small...	87	81	81
Dunne...	87	81	81
Millar...	87	81	81
Totals...	470	458	458

DISTRICT DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Contenders.		Newcomers.	
Z. Clark...	82	100	100
Wicks...	82	100	100
Wick...	82	100	100
Bigman...	82	100	100
Totals...	440	471	471

HYATTSVILLE DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Arcades.		Suburbs.	
Meyer...	91	87	87
Whaley...	91	87	87
Handy...	91	87	87
Wright...	91	87	87
Totals...	474	437	437

RECLAMATION LEAGUE.			
Mails.		Engineers.	
Knapp...	100	88	88
McCl...	100	88	88
Numbers...	100	88	88
Totals...	270	289	289

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DEPARTMENTAL LEAGUE.			
Post Office.		Agriculture.	
Barnhart...	88	90	90
White...	88	90	90
Zapick...	88	90	90
New...	88	90	90
Ness...	88	90	90
Totals...	462	489	489

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